

TELEGRAPHIC.

AFGHANISTAN.

Calcutta, December 25.—Three thousand Ghilzai attacked Col. Norman at Jugdulk on the afternoon of the 23rd, but were beaten off with loss and dispersed. Major Thackeray was badly wounded, one Sepoy killed and one wounded.

London, December 25.—A Bombay dispatch, dated Wednesday, says: Yesterday a small column of infantry cleared the close country between Shirpur and Cabul. This action restored confidence in the city, where the most influential people are with us. Were it necessary to save them Roberts says he would attack the enemy immediately. If no opportunity offers to strike a blow before Gough arrives, Roberts will make an attack the day following his arrival.

A dispatch from Cabul says the first move of Roberts will be to eject the enemy from Bal Hisar and the city. This effected, the troops may be spared further offensive efforts during the winter. It is possible the combination against us, which is not national, but feebly religious, will collapse from irresolution. The combination has, within the last few days, apparently lost much strength.

London, December 25.—A correspondent at Lahore reports that suspicious movements are noticed proceeding from the Afghanistan frontier. Afghans in small parties are travelling to different parts of India. Every train for the interior takes from twenty to forty Afghans. The authorities are on the alert, and will watch the travellers. Another curious circumstance is the fact that large numbers of Arabs are constantly arriving at Bombay, and although they are stopped at the railway stations wherever there is any ground for suspicion, they make their way to various cities of the interior by the by-roads. The matter is attracting the earnest attention of the Government.

A Lahore dispatch, dated December 25th, announces that Gen. Gough has joined Gen. Roberts without opposition from the enemy.

Calcutta, December 23.—Col. Norman telegraphs from Jugdulk to-day as follows: Heavy firing has been heard in the direction of Cabul for the past forty-eight hours. Gen. Gough is close to Latabad. It is expected he will reach Cabul Tuesday.

Cabal, December 22.—The insurgents have plundered the principal bazaar in the city. It is stated that large numbers are leaving with their booty.

London, December 24.—The mail bags from Cabul arrived at Jagdulk, the bearers being handlessly fired at on route.

London, December 24.—A Lahore dispatch says Gen. Roberts reports his suffering from overwork, cold and exposure.

Lahore, December 26.—Since Gen. Gough passed Latabad no news has been received. Rumors of his arrival at Cabul are premature. The wire to-night is interrupted between Peshawar and Jelalabad.

Candahar, December 26.—To-day being the Mahomedan festival the fanatical portion of the population are much excited. Some madmen fired at on route through the British camp. Gen. Tyler was wounded and four fanatics killed.

London, Dec. 26.—A private letter from a British soldier in Cabul states that one of Yakoob Khan's generals told Sir Frederick Roberts that Yakoob Khan himself signed the death warrant of the embassy and ordered the bodies of the murdered men to be dragged through the streets of Cabul. The same letter confirms the statement that \$80,000 worth of Russian gold was found in Cabul.

London, Dec. 28.—General Roberts telegraphs on the 23rd that a despatch attack was kept up all day yesterday. Information was received that a general attack would be made at day-break to-day. A large number of the enemy, occupying the distant villages, was seen approaching nearer. At dark this morning a fire was lighted on the Anand Heights. We were apprised that this would be the enemy's signal for attack, and immediately the attack commenced on three sides. We were prepared. On the south and west the enemy did not show much determination, but on the northeast corner of Behmaroo Heights some thousands collected and evidently contemplated an assault. As soon as the enemy's intention was fully developed I determined on a counter attack with cavalry and artillery. These issued by a gorge between Behmaroo Heights, opened fire on the enemy's flank and speedily dislodged them. The cavalry pursued and sabred large numbers of the enemy, who retired from all points and hastily retreated to the city. We have now occupied some advanced villages, particularly those on Butkak Road.

London, December 26.—A despatch, dated 14th, intimates that the Viceroy, discloses for the first time Roberts' danger. At that date Gen. Baker's troops sacked Cabul suburb. This barbarity exterminated the Afghans, 20,000 of whom re-took Baker's position and drove the English who steadily evacuated their position outside of Shirpur, but the enemy's fire was tremendous, and their bravery acknowledged.

Lahore, December 28.—The Afghans who attacked Roberts at Shirpur on the 23rd numbered 6,000. The ground around Shirpur is thick with the corpses of the slain.

IRELAND.

Dublin, December 22.—Intelligence from Mayo states that one of the large landed proprietors of that county, on attempting to serve a number of writs of ejectment upon his tenantry, was threatened so furiously with assault by the latter in case he refused to desist in his effort to expel them from their houses, that he took to his heels in a panic of fear and ran for his life, closely pursued by the people, who were yelling, hooting and flinging missiles after him. None of them, however, inflicted any serious injury upon his person, and he finally took refuge in an abandoned hut, from which he fired shot after shot from his repeating rifle, until some constables, who were alarmed by the wild sounds, arrived upon the spot and released him. The people made no movement to again molest him, and he was borne off under guard, affirming that if he was unable to collect his rents or eject his non-paying tenants without being present himself, he would risk the loss rather than his life. No further disturbance occurred in connection with the affair.

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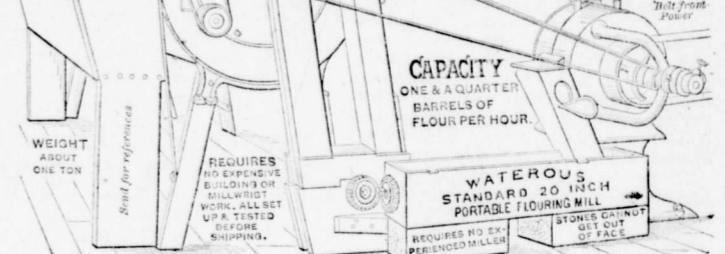
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